

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A nominal cold boot time for an application from a Multimedia Home Platform (MHP) transport stream containing an Application Information Table (AIT) is monitored at selected starting positions in the transport stream.

5 Following indication of an application, a Service Gateway and AIT are received and analyzed to identify assets in the transport stream required by the application. Occurrences of the assets are downloaded from the transport stream in the order in which they are received. The time from the selected starting position to the receipt of the last asset required for the
10 application is output as the nominal cold boot time for the selected starting position in the transport stream.